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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I attended the State of Connecticut Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative exercise that was held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Golden St. on Wednesday June 20th. This was an exercise in conjunction with the mandate of Governor Malloy to exercise ability to respond to a major storm event. This was the first test of the reorganized EOC which is now aligned with national and state standards of the Incident Command System, and the re-written Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Chief Scandariato, Emergency Management Director, and Lieutenant Manke facilitated the drill with partnerships with city departments and local agencies within the City. Participants included representatives from Norwich Public Utilities, Norwich Board of Education, Uncas Health District, American Ambulance and First Student Bus Company.

I held the monthly Fire Chiefs meeting on June 21st where we discussed the IMC bridge and update from our MIS Department.

I attended the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 28th.

A conference call was held with staff and Christine Rodgers, Sr. Development Manager, of the Women's Institute regarding the Reid & Hughes building. The work is progressing as expected and the roof will be started sometime in August.

Angelo Callis, Norwich Youth and Family Services, and Christine Poscich, Partnership for Success, are working with my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa to set up Narcan Training Sessions for city employees. Norwich Youth and Family Services recently had 4 Narcan training sessions for downtown community groups and has secured additional funding of \$7,500 from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT. This grant will allow for additional training sessions using the Narcan nasal inhalant to address the opioid addiction crisis in Norwich.

The second year of the revived Rose Arts Festival was held on Saturday, June 30th. Thank you to the Rose Arts Festival Committee, Norwich Police, Norwich Public Works, Norwich Fire Department, Norwich Public Utilities, sponsors and volunteers for another successful celebration at Chelsea Parade and downtown Norwich.